# The Homegoing Celebration for

# Lillian Fay Lethridge Strothers

Sunrise: August 30, 1946

Sunset: January 29, 2011

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith."
II Timothy 4:7

*Services Held*

Monday, February 7, 2011 11:00am
McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ
1443 Filbert Street, Richmond, California

Officiating ~ Sr. Admin. Asst., John A. Jennings, Pastor

# Lillian Fay Lethridge Strothers

Lillian Fay Lethridge Strothers, affectionately known as Fay, was the middle child of the late Richard and Windola AnnieBell Lethridge Sr. She entered into this world on August 30, 1946, in Martinez, California. She was the eighth born of fourteen children, blessed to this union.

Fay received her primary and secondary education in Richmond and San Pablo, California. She was a great asset to various places of employment including: the United States Post Office and Protective Services at Chevron.
Fay enjoyed a multitude of hobbies, such as cooking and traveling. She was an amazing cook and put her soul into every dish. She also found enjoyment watching various court T.V. shows and often said she would have made an excellent Lawyer..

Fay had a nurturing spirit and she would help anyone who needed assistance. She was always available to listen and prided herself on not judging others. Fay also had a wonderful knack of pulling people together, family as well as close friends. She was also very protective and the "anchor" of her family. She married Leslie Harris Strothers Sr. in 1993. She was a very devoted and supportive wife. She had four daughters who she loved deeply and nurtured throughout her final days.

However, her greatest joy derived from her grandchildren. Being a grandmother and nurturer to her grandchildren brought to her such happiness. They would confide in their "Granny" and they knew what was shared, would remain between the two of them. She never missed a chance to comfort and listen to them. In fact, many of her nieces and nephews considered her as a second mom.
Fay had a strong bond with her sisters and brothers and was proud of the fact that she shared a personal relationship with each of them.

Fay loved the Lord. She worked with her pastors' aide for a number of years and was a member of the Youth Women's Christian Council. Fay also enjoyed singing in the choir until her health began to decline. Fay accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, as her personal Savior and felt honored to be a member of McClothen Temple Church of God in Christ where she remained a member until the Lord called her home on the morning of January 29, 2011 to reunite with her parents and join His heavenly choir.

Fay was preceded in death by: one granddaughter, DeShawn-ya Clark; three sisters: Opal Norris, Rose Lethridge, and Linnie Ann Lethridge; one niece and five nephews.

A devoted wife, mother, stepmother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend; Lillian Fay Lethridge Strothers, leaves to cherish memories of her beautiful life: Her husband of eighteen years Leslie Harris Strothers Sr.; four daughters: Terrie Glave (Terry) of Lacey, Washington; Shirley Tolbert (Jamal) and her very special friend, Melvin Carter; Shiela Jackson Simon (Sean) of Richmond, California; and Andrea Slyvain (Harold) of Vallejo, California. Four step children: Leslie Harris "Butch" Strothers Jr., Shurail Strothers, Arleatha Calloway, and Mataeo C. Strothers (Tametious) all of Seattle, Washington. Nine grandchildren: Markiesha Lawson (Keith), Angelo King Jr., Miesha Johnson, Leon Ferguson IV, Angelique King, Lacretia Ferguson, Sean Simon, Fayjah Newton, and DeShawn Clark. Four great-grandchildren: Inajah King Lawson, Demonte Ferguson, Imaree Lawson, and Angelo King III. Two brothers: Willie Dillard (Chyoce) and Richard Lethridge Jr. Eight sisters: Elizabeth Hampton (Bill), Debrorah Ashley (F.E.), Emma Chauhan, Shirley Waters (Stan), Lola Cormier (Ron), Shiela Lethridge, Colette Johnson, and Eleanor Neal (Leonard). One Uncle: James Lethridge of Houston, Texas. In addition: 26 nieces, 20 nephews, 67 great nieces and nephews, 38 great great nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Regardless, of the obstacles she might have faced as a trial or as a test, she maintained FAITH because she knew that GOD is true to His word and would bring her through. She will be missed and forever treasured within our hearts. We are grateful for the memories, good times, and love shared with Fay.

# *Order of Service*

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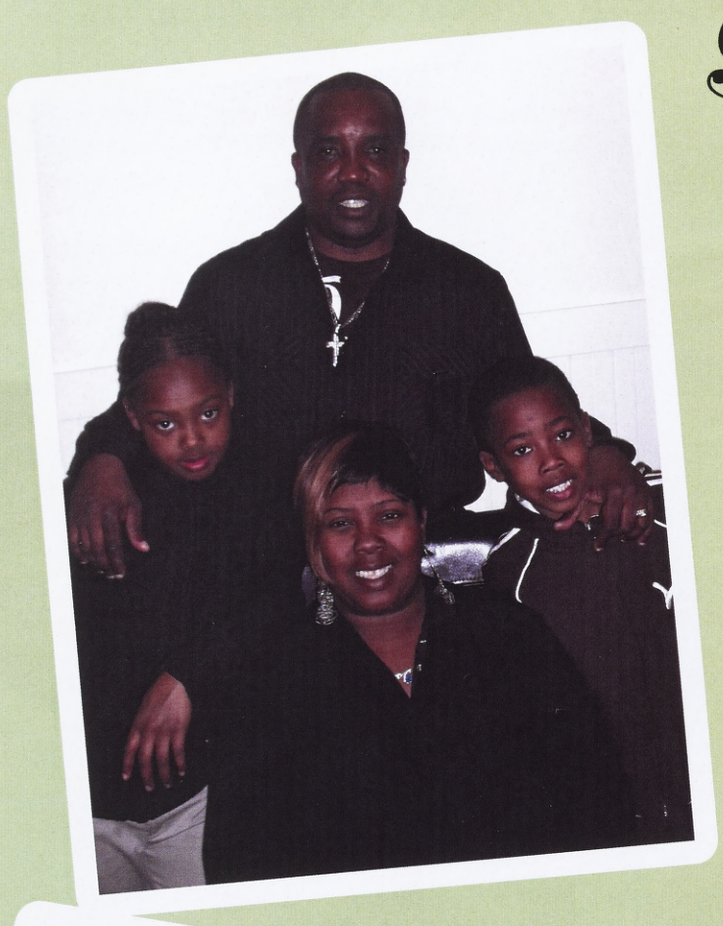
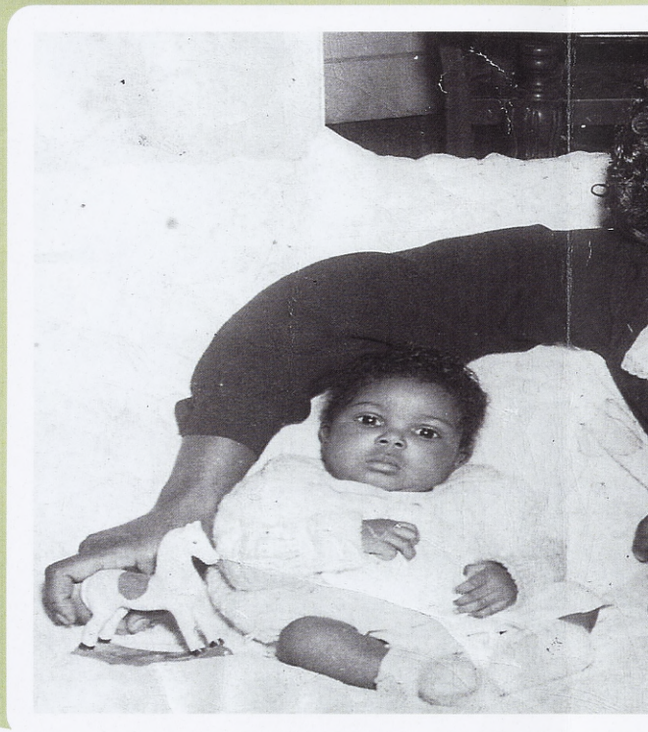
| Musical Prelude | Brother Tom Hansbrough |
| Processional | Elders and Family |
| Master of Ceremoines | Elder Phil Hollins |
| Invocation | Elder Samuel Butler |
| Scripture Readings | |
| Old Testament | Elder Stephen Hodge |
| New Testament | Elder Lacy Douglas, III |
| Musical Selection | McGlothen Temple Choir |
| Words of Comfort | Pastor Jewell Ruffin |
| Expressions (2 minutes) | Family and Friends |
| Musical Selection | Raven Mouton<br>Maurice Mouton, Jr.<br>Domingo Mouton |
| Reflections | |
| McGlothen Temple Women's Department | Mother Victoria Williams |
| McGlothen Temple Men's Department | Deacon Rufus Robinson |
| Greater Richmond District | Dist. Miss'y Martha B. Hall |
| Expressions | Elder Albert Featherstone |
| Remembering Fay | Sister Delores Dilliard |
| Acknowledgement of Condolences | Sister Delores Dilliard |
| Resolutions | |
| McGlothen Temple | Miss'y Brenda Shephard |
| Greater Richmond District | Miss'y Emma Clark |
| Sermonic Solo | Miss'y Sheryl Butler |
| Eulogy | Senior Administrative Assistant<br>Elder John A. Jennings |
| Parting View | Rose Manor Funeral Home |
| Recessional | |

# Precious
# Family





# Moments
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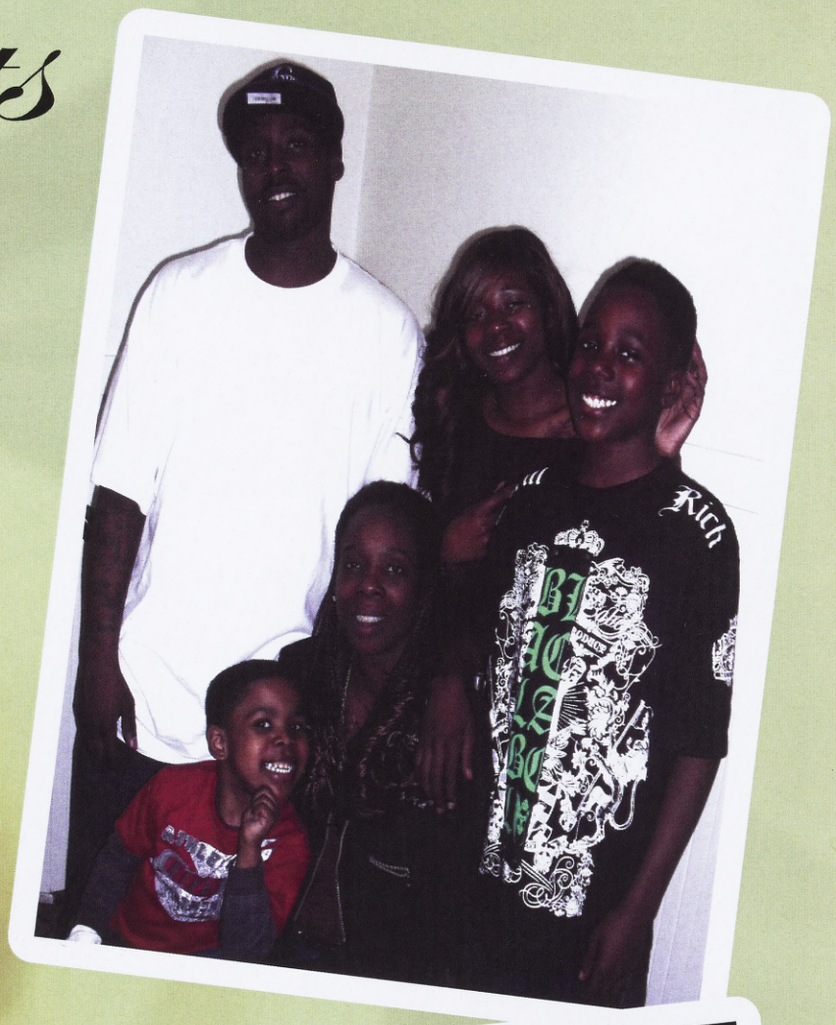

# Our Mother

*"Rest At Last"*

*God saw the road was getting rough*
*The hills were hard to climb.*
*He gently closed those loving eyes*
*and whispered, "Peace be thine."*
*The weary hours, the days of pain*
*The sleepless nights are passed.*
*The ever patient worn out frame*
*Has found sweet rest at last.*

*Rest in peace, Mama*

# Expressions of Love

To the most awesome, strong, independent, woman, my Grandma Faye - You will always be the best grandma I could ever have. You have always been an ear for me and provided great wisdom. After God had taken you back, all I could think about was how I called to say I love you and you would say it back. Now, I dedicate that song to you forever by Stevie Wonder I just called to say; I love you, I just called to say how much I care; I just called to say, I love you; and I mean it from the botton of my heart... Love Kiesha

Grandma, you were more than just a Grandma to me. You were my best friend. I'm going to miss you so much, but I know you will always be with me -- Love Miesha

Grandmother, you set the standard for the word. I 'm very blessed to have had you in my life. The things I learned and the memories we've shared could never be forgotten or replaced. I will always love you and I know you will be with me always -- Love Angelo King, Jr.

I love you, be good girl. -- Les

I love you -- Imaree

I don't know what you came to do, but I came to bless His name. -- DeMonte

My Granny Fay was a very important person. She was very loving and supportive. I love my granny so much. She is my #1 fan and I love her so much and I'm so glad she is in a better place. I love you Granny Fay and I hope you rest in peace --Your Grandson Sean Simon, love ya

Lillian "Fay" Lethridge, mother not only to her children and grandchildren but mother to all. We will all miss and love her. Till we meet again and may God grant her peace.
-- Angelique

To my California Mom, I love you with all my heart. You will be truly missed. I love you so, so much. I thank God for letting you be a part of my life. Hugs and kisses from your son, Mataeo Strothers aka TaTa

I will always love her and feel her in my heart. Love Inajah

Granny, words can't express how I feel. I'm so lonely. Mark, now you, everybody said God won't give us anything we can't handle, but can I really handle this? You were the one I could come to about anything. You kept all my secrets and never judged me once. That means so much to me. Missing you is such an understatement. I hope you're enjoying Mark's company. I can see you two smiling together. I feel all left out. It's up to my imagination to keep me sane. I love you more than anything and I can't wait until we meet again. We're one remember, I'm Faye too. - Peachie

Hi Granny Fay, you were a very nice person. You always used to take me to the store and to church. I am happy that I was named after you. I love you. Please come back to me. -- Love Fayjah

# Active Pallbearers

Leon Ferguson IV
Angelo King, Jr.
Harold Slyvain
Troy Henderson
Leonard Neal
Michael Holmes, Sr.
Bruce Reed II

# Honorary Pallbearers

Terry Glave
Sean Simon, Sr.
Leslie Harris Strothers, Jr.
Mataeo C. Strothers
Keith Lawson

# Expressions of Gratitude

The family extends our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of prayer, flowers, cards, and words of comfort during our time of bereavement. Thank you to the McGlothen Temple Church family and friends. A special thank you to the healthcare providers especially the staff at Vale Healthcare Care Center. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

***Final Arrangements Entrusted To:***
Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Home
3331 MacDonald Avenue
Richmond, California

**Internment**
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California

***Repass***: Immediately following internment, McGlothen Temple C.O.G.I.C.